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### **Pearl Harbor Shipyard hiring 150 apprentices, engineering personnel**

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**PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii** –Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard provides secure career opportunities to thousands of men and women here in Hawaii –even during tough economic times. By the end of the year, the Shipyard plans to add about 150 more employees to its nearly 5,000-member workforce.

The Shipyard needs to fill openings for at least 100 apprentices and roughly 50 engineer, engineering support, and various other positions to help carry out its vital mission of repairing and maintaining U.S. Navy ships and submarines.

As part of the hiring effort, the Shipyard will hold a career fair April 14, 8 a.m. to noon, at Honolulu Community College (HCC), 874 Dillingham Boulevard, in Honolulu.

Representatives from 18 trades and the engineering department will set up displays at the career fair and be on hand to answer questions about their occupations. Human resources personnel will be present as well.

Individuals hired as apprentices will begin their employment in January 2013. Apprenticeships are four-year, work-study programs that pay trainees while they earn an associate's degree in applied science from HCC and learn a trade on the job. The average starting pay is \$19 an hour. At the end of four years, apprentice program graduates will earn \$28 or more an hour.

Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years old by Jan. 15, 2013; U.S. citizens; and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must pass a physical exam, academic skills test and be able to obtain a security clearance. Males must be registered with the Selective Service System.

Engineering positions available include naval architects, and mechanical, structural, welding, electrical and nuclear engineers. Engineering support positions include physical science technicians, engineering technicians, and equipment specialists. The starting pay for engineers ranges from \$45,000 to \$68,000 a year depending on their qualifications.

Engineer development opportunities include full-time positions as well as two-year paid internships. These internships could result in the intern being hired on a full-time basis.

In a change to the hiring process this year, applications for apprenticeships will be accepted *only* at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). The apprenticeship application period will be from late May to June 2012. Applications for engineering positions should be submitted at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). More information on the application process will be available at the career fair.

For those without computer access, computers are available at HCC and Work Links Centers on Oahu and One-Stop Job Centers on the Neighbor Islands.

The Shipyard is a field activity of the Naval Sea Systems Command and a full-service naval shipyard and regional maintenance center for the U.S. Navy's surface ships and submarines. It is the largest industrial employer in the state of Hawaii with a combined civilian and military workforce of about 4,900 and an operating budget of \$563 million.

Strategically located in the mid-Pacific, the Shipyard is about a week of steam time closer to potential major regional contingencies in East Asia than sites on the West Coast.

For more information on the Shipyard, visit [www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl). For more information on Shipyard career opportunities, visit [www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/phnsy/Careers](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/shipyards/pearl/phnsy/Careers).